



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by President Clem.

Present: Gail, Dennis, John A., Kirby, Cheryl, Phil, Jon B., Dan Haley, Pete, Derek, Clem, Lori

Welcome to Dan Haley (and his wife Mary who was not present) who moved here from Idaho Falls. They have completed 2014 Training and will be volunteering with our Chapter. So glad to have you both as members!

Secretary report - Motion by Gail (2nd Dennis) to accept October Minutes – passed unanimously, to be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis – October income \$10 from dues paid, no expenses. Total Balance \$1917 – General fund \$1157 and Donation fund \$760. A Draft 2015 Budget was presented. Motion by Derek (2nd John) to accept budget as prepared – passed unanimously. A Chapter Accomplishments List will be compiled by Dennis and Clem, please send them any activities you would like to see included. (dennisbraun208@gmail.com or ljl627@hotmail.com)

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. (absent) - Citizen Science Volunteers

Ongoing Projects:

- Clark Fork River Delta Volunteers can sign up on the website and/or contact Derek Antonelli for updates on activities including seed and willow collection. <http://clarkforkdelta.org/about/> or contact Derek or Kate. antonelli8@frontier.com kate.walker@idfg.idaho.gov
- Check the calendar and website for activities www.idahomasternaturalist.org

Lynette (absent) – Conservation Education Volunteers

Communication Committee – Lori acting

- Letters of appreciation were sent to Valle and Karen releasing them from their Committee duties.
- Calendar and Announcements on our website are updated regularly www.IdahoMasterNaturalists.org

Training Committee – John A.

WDC Grounds – Gail

- Final fall chores will include putting down some grass seed and some cardboard in places.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- Held meetings in early November. Still in early development stage and plans not yet ready for deployment. Beginning in January will schedule 2 meeting per month with Committee.

Issues:

- Pete will have sign erected near pond “ fish pond for educational purposes – no fishing please”. He will also work with IFWF to obtain some hats and vests. More bluebird nest boxes will be available in 2015.
- Crosswalk sign is needed for safety in crossing the street to access wetland trails.
- Grant funding is \$4930, the funds have been deposited with IDFG PCA38123. Some items will need to be purchased by Pete with his company credit card, other expenses can be reimbursed with receipts provided (POC: Diana Hurlberg). Receipts and paper trail required to track all expenses.
- The infrastructure of the WDC is Pete's responsibility – Cheryl will create and send a list to Pete of needs. Goal is to have Meeting Room ready for use as soon as reasonable possible (paint, lighting, etc.)
- Continue to schedule WDC calendar items (meetings/activities) through Pete – send him an e-mail or call him. Pete.gardner@idfg.idaho.gov or mobile 208-770-3762 or his office 208-769-1414.
- Pete has some new responsibilities with IDFG, he is in charge implementing and upgrading the Hunter Education Program, and overseeing construction of a new Hunter Ed Building. IDFG is also considering forming a Master Naturalist Chapter in Coeur d'Alene and may call on our Chapter for assistance.
- Native Plant Society will be hosting Jack Nisbet (topic: David Douglas) in February and 2 members of the Kootenai Native Plant Society (topic: Camas restoration) in March. We will co-host these presentations and cost share with KNPS.
- **Please record your hours** before the end of the year so we will be included in the State tally. Contact me if you need help, or your username/password information. Thank you.
- Next Meeting – January 17th, Saturday 2-5pm will be our Annual Meeting with elections and a lunch – Pete will provide the main dish. New Officers will be elected for 2015 at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary